



Frances Klarquist

May 31, 1930 - February 9, 2013

Frances Klarquist, of Cadillac, passed away Saturday evening, February 9, 2013, at the Curry House Assisted Living in Cadillac. She was 82.

Frances was born on May 31, 1930 to Herman and Marian Dahlquist of Cadillac Michigan. She was married to C. Edwin Klarquist on August 20, 1952 who preceded her in death in 2005.

Frances attended Cadillac High School graduating as valedictorian in 1948. She obtained her bachelor degree from Northwestern University in elementary education. She taught in the Cadillac Area Public Schools for over 20 years with the majority of those years at McKinley and Lincoln.

She was perhaps best known for her talent at the piano. Frances showed an exceptional ability at a young age and won many competitions including performances at Interlochen. She became the pianist and choir accompanist at the First Covenant Church of Cadillac at the age of 11 years old a position she held for over 50 years. She also played for numerous weddings, funerals, and special events.

A lifelong member of the Covenant Church, Frances also was a member of the Covenant Women group and other church organizations. She served many years as a Mercy Hospital Auxiliary volunteer. She was a voracious

reader and also enjoyed gardening. Following the death of her husband, she became a resident of Curry House in Cadillac where she received the best of care for which her family is eternally grateful.

Frances is survived by two sons, John (Kimbra) of Dallas, Texas and Thomas of Chicago, Illinois; two grandchildren, Anders (Cassidy) and Alaina, both of Dallas, Texas and one great-granddaughter. She is also survived by two sisters, Vickie (George L.) Rock of Cadillac, and Janet (Charles K.) Burr ridge of Kent, Washington. She was preceded in death by one son, Paul, in 2009.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 16, 2013 at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac with Reverend Gregory DuBois officiating. Friends may meet the family Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Funeral Home. Burial will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. Memorial contributions may be made to First Covenant Church and Mercy Hospice of Cadillac. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

BM

“ *My condolences to the family. She was a great lady.*

Bobbi (Lamphere) Moomey - February 22, 2013 at 06:13 AM

PG

“ *Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving your family in this tender time. It was also an honor to visit with Fran several times during this past year. I have been blessed to know her and to learn of her beautiful history as one of God's precious children and gracious servants.*

Pastor Greg - February 19, 2013 at 09:02 PM

DR

“ *Dear Frances,
Although we are unable to be at your service, our memories, our prayers, and our love certainly are with you.
Memories of our childhood family gatherings and special events, birthdays, weddings, the births of our children, and yes also memories of the hard and difficult times as family members departed from us. Now, you are also with them - what a wonderful celebration that is!
As you leave us, Frannie our prayers go with you. Prayers that you will now be able to rest in peace, no longer with earthly pain.
Love, your cousins, Marilyn Willman, and Phyllis & Bill Rice*

Dr Marilyn Willman, Phyllis & Bill Rice - February 16, 2013 at 03:54 PM

MD

“ *Frances and my husband were second cousins and she was also a good friend. My the knowledge that others care sustain her family now during this time of sorrow.*

Mary Dahlquist - February 16, 2013 at 02:23 PM

DB

“ Frances was my children's teacher at Lincoln and allowed me to volunteer in the classroom and shared her love of children with me, what a wonderful example for which I will always be thankful. As I read through the obituary, I was reminded of her gift of playing the piano and remember our grandma saying that Frances could make a piano sing. Our prayers are with you, hoping many special memories will comfort your family.

Dee Brinks - February 16, 2013 at 08:29 AM

JB

“ Frances and I became sisters when we were 12 yrs old. I will be forever grateful for the love and support of her family after my own parents passed away. It was a time in my life that I most needed that love. Francs was a good sister to me and I have many happy memories of our times together.

Janet Given Burrige - February 16, 2013 at 12:24 AM

AR

“ I'll always remember her smile and her laugh, she was always so happy to see us when we would visit Grandma Willman and Aunt Marian & Uncle Herman. She will be missed by our entire family. The Klarquist family will be in our thoughts & prayers. My most sincere condolences to her sons, daughter in laws, and grandchildren.

Amy M. Kent (formerly Amy M. Rice) - February 15, 2013 at 02:36 PM

DR

“ Known to me as "
Aunt"
Frances, she was always very sweet when my family visited the
Willman and Dalquist clans when I was a boy.
My condolences to the Klarquists.

Don Rice - February 12, 2013 at 11:21 PM

DS

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Klarquist in person, but
she was kind enough to write me little notes from time to time that
went a long way in helping me cope with the loss of my dear
husband and youngest son.
I know her passing will leave a huge void in the lives of her children
and entire family.

Dee Somora - February 12, 2013 at 10:10 PM

DH

“ I wroked with Frances for years, she was a warm wonderful person.
I am sure youl all miss her very much. Youre in my thoguhts and
prayers.

Darlene Hinkley - February 12, 2013 at 02:09 PM

SE

“ She was my 1st grade teacher and one of my favorites. She has a
special place in my heart!

Stacy Eastway - February 12, 2013 at 09:24 AM

DR

“ *Having known Frances since I was a young girl, She was an inspiration to me in many ways as I grew up. I'm sure she is having a wonderful reunion with her husband and son. To family left behind, I offer my deepest condolences.*

Deanna Nystrom Rogers - February 11, 2013 at 11:22 PM

DS

“ *Gracious lady. She'll be missed.*

Deni and By Smith - February 11, 2013 at 06:52 PM